# HIS MAJESTIES GRACIOUS MESSAGE FOR PEACE,

DECEMBER. 5th.

To the Two Houses of Parliament at *WESTMINSTER.*

With the Answer of both Houses to Sir THOMAS GLEMHAM.

Together with His *MAJESTIES* second MESSAGE, *Decem.* 15. 1645.

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CHARLES R.

HIs *Majesty being deeply sensible of the Continuation of this bloudy and unnaturall Warre, cannot thinke himselfe discharg'd of the Duty he owes to God, or the Affection and regard he hath to the preservation of His People, without the constant application of His earnest endeavours to find some expedient for the speedy ending of these unhappy Distractions, if that may be, doth therefore desire, That a safe Conduct may be forthwith sent, for the Duke of* Richmond, *the Earle of* Southampton, Iohn Ashburnham *and* Ieffery Palmer *Esquires, and their*

*Attendants, with Coaches, Horſes, and other Accommodations for their Journey to* Weſtminſter, *during their ſtay there, and return when they ſhall think fit. Whom His Majeſty intends to ſend to the Lords and Commons Aſſembled in the Parliament of* England *at* Weſtminſter, *and the Commiſſioners of the Parliament of* Scotland, *furniſh'd with ſuch Propoſitions, as His Majeſty is confident will be the Foundation of a happy and well grounded Peace.* Given at the Court at *Oxford*, the fifth of *December*, 1645.

*For the Speaker of the Houſe of Peers*, pro tempore.

This Gracious Meſſage came to *Weſtminſter* December 6th, where he that brought it was detain'd five dayes, and at laſt ſent back without any Anſwer at all to His MAJESTY; only theſe few words were written to Sr *Thomas Glemham* Governour of *Oxford*.

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SIR,

*WE have received your Letter of the 5th of this instant* December, *with His Majesties inclosed, and have sent back your Trumpet by command of both Houses, who will with all convenient speed return an answer to his Majestie, and rest*

Your loving Friends
*Grey* of *Wark* Speaker of the House of Peeres *Pro Tempore*.
*William Lenthal* Speaker of the House of Commons.

For Sr *Thomas Glemham* Governour of *Oxford*.

This was all, after so many dayes expectation; which is indeed neither Answer nor Excuse, being only a Concession of nothing at present, and an intimation that for future (when themselves judge it *convenient*) They will grant or deny. Notwithstanding all manner of difficulties and pretences, His Sacred Majesty hath againe sent to them a second Message, where all the World will testifie His Pious unwearied desires for Peace, whereof this following is a perfect Copy.

## CHARLES R.

*HIs Majestie cannot but extreamly wonder, that after so many expressions on your part of a deep and seeming sence of the miseries of this afflicted Kingdome,*

dome, and of the dangers incident to His Person during the continuance of this unnaturall Warre, your many great and so often repeated Protestations, that the raising of these Armes hath been only for the necessarie defence of Gods true Religion, His Majesties Honour, Safetie, and prosperitie, the Peace, comfort and security of His People, you should delay a safe Conduct to the Persons mentioned in His Majesties Message of the fifth of this instant December, which are to be sent unto you with Propositions for a well grounded Peace: A thing so farre from having been denyed at any time by His Majestie whensoever you have desired the same, that He beleeves it hath been seldome (if ever) practised among the most avowed and professed Enemies, much lesse from Subjects to their King. But His Majestie is resolved, that no discouragements whatsoever shall

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make Him faile of His part in doing His uttermoſt endeavours to put an end to theſe Calamities, which if not in time prevented, muſt prove the ruine of this unhappie Nation; And therefore doth once again deſire, that a ſafe Conduct may be forthwith ſent for thoſe Perſons expreſſed in His former Meſſage, and doth therefore conjure you, as you will anſwer to Almightie God in that day when he ſhall make inquiſition for all the Bloud that hath, and may yet be ſpilt in this unnaturall Warre, as you tender the preſervation and eſtabliſhment of the true Religion; by all the Bonds of Dutie and Allegiance to your King, or Compaſſion to your bleeding and unhappie Countrie, and of Charitie to your ſelves, that you diſpoſe your hearts to a true ſence, and imploy all your faculties in a more ſerious endeavour together with His Majeſtie, to ſet a ſpeedie end to theſe waſting Diviſions, and

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*then he ſhall not doubt, but that God will yet againe give the bleſſing of Peace to this diſtracted Kingdom.* Given at the Court at Oxford, the 15th of December, 1645.

*For the Speaker of the Houſe of Peers*, pro tempore.

This Gracious Meſſage hath yet received no Anſwer, though now 'tis a Fortnight ſince His Majeſties firſt Meſſage. All that is deſired is only a ſafe Conduct for ſuch as ſhould come with Propoſitions for Peace: ſure their Thoughts are farre from an Accommodation, who refuſe that any ſhould aske it of them, or bring it to them. God in his due time will reward ſuch as truly ſeek Peace, and recompence thoſe that delight in Bloud.

FINIS.